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LETTER DATED 18 MAY 1992 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I should like to inform you that over the period 7-12 May 1992 United States aircraft have persisted in their violations of Iraqi airspace for purposes of observation and provocation.

7-8 May 1992

Twenty-four sorties, flown by eight 2-aircraft formations and eight single aircraft at speeds of 600-800 km/h and at altitudes of 3,500-5,500 metres, centred over Mosul, Amadiyah, Tall Afar, Irbil, Zakho and Dohuk.

8-9 May 1992

Five sorties, flown by two 2-aircraft formations and one single aircraft at speeds of 600-850 km/h and at altitudes of 5,000-6,500 metres, centred over Mosul, Dohuk, Amadiyah, and Zakho.

9-10 May 1992

Twenty-one sorties, flown by eight 2-aircraft formations, one 3-aircraft formation and two single aircraft at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at altitudes of 5,000-6,500 metres, centred over Mosul, Dohuk, Zakho, Arbil, Tall Afar and Amadiyah.

10-11 May 1992

Twenty-five sorties, flown by eight 2-aircraft formations and nine single aircraft at speeds of 600-800 km/h and at altitudes of 5,000-8,000 metres, centred over Mosul, Arbil, Dohuk, Tall Afar, Zakho and Amadiyah.

11-12 May 1992

Twenty-two sorties, flown by ten 2-aircraft formations and two single aircraft at speeds of 600-850 km/h and at altitudes of 5,000-6,000 metres, centred over Mosul, Amadiyah, Zakho, Dohuk and Arbil.

12 May 1992

One sortie by a 2-aircraft formation detected over Amadiyah at a speed of 900 km/h and at medium altitude.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Abd al-Amir AL-ANBARI
Ambassador
Permanent Representative